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DR. MCGUIRE AND STONEWALL JACKSON.

Dr. Hunter McGuire, medical director of General Stonewall Jackson's Corps delivered an interesting address at the Confederate Camp dinner, in New York.

Dr. McGuire told many incidents of General Jackson on the battlefield, the most interesting and dramatic of which were the following:

"At Malvern Hill, when a portion of our army was beaten and to some extent demoralized, Hill and Ewell and Early came to tell him that they could make no resistance if McClellan attacked them in the morning. It was difficult to wake General Jackson, as he was exhausted and very sound asleep. I tried it myself, and after many efforts partly succeeded. When he was made to understand what was wanted, he said: 'McClellan and his army will be gone by daylight,' and went to sleep again. The generals thought him mad but the prediction was true.

"At Fredericksburg, after Burnside's repulse, he asked me how many languages I had. I told him, and asked why he wanted to know. He said that he wanted to have a piece of white cloth to tie on each man's arm so that his soldiers might recognize each other in a night attack; and he asked to be allowed to make an attack and drive his foe into the swollen river or capture him. Subsequent events demonstrated that he knew the state of things within the hostile lines, and would have accomplished his purpose. General Lee with held his consent, for the reason that so often restrained him in like cases—he would not put at so great a risk an army which the South could not replace.

"I cannot give you any instance or illustration of the mental action by which he reaches his conclusion or devised the combination which defeated his enemy, for Jackson took no counsel save with his 'familiar,' the Genius of War, and his God. He did hold one and only one, council of war. In March 1862, at Winchester, Jackson had in his small army less than 5,000 men. General Banks who was advancing from Winchester from Harper's Ferry and Charleston, had 30,000 soldiers. General Jackson repeatedly offered General Banks battle but the latter declined, and on the night of the 11th of March went into camp four miles from Winchester. General Jackson sent for his officers and proposed to make a night attack, but the plan was not approved by the council. He sent for the officers a second time some time later, and again urged them to agree to make then the attack but they again disapproved of the attempt. So, late in the afternoon, we withdrew from Winchester and marched to Newtown I rode with the General as we left the place, and as we reached a high point overlooking the town we both turned to look at Winchester, just evacuated and now left to the mercy of the Federal soldiers. I think that a man may sometimes yield to overwhelming emotion, and that I was utterly overcome by the fact that I was leaving all that I had dear on earth. But my emotion was arrested by one look at Jackson. His face was fairly blazing with the fire that was burning in him and I felt as before him. Presently he cried out with a manner that was almost savage. 'That is the last council of war I will ever hold.' And it was—his first and last. Thereafter he held council in the secret chamber of his own heart, and acted. Instantaneous decision, absolute self-reliance, every action, every word displayed. His voice displayed it in battle. It was not the peal of the trumpet, but the sharp crack of the rifle—sudden, imperative, resolute.

"Jackson was always expected to

hold his lines, but was always most dangerously aggressive. I heard him once say: 'We sometimes fail to drive the enemy from his position. He always fails to drive us.' But he was never content with the defensive, however successful or however exhausting. In the terribly destructive battle of Sharpsburg he was looking all that day for the chance to make the counter stroke.

"He was always calm and self-controlled. He never lost his balance for one moment. At the first Manassas, when he reached the field and found our men under Bee and Bartow falling back—when the confusion was greatest and Bee, in despair, cried out: 'They are driving us back!' there was not the slightest emotion apparent about him. His thin lips were compressed and his eyes were ablaze when he curtly said:

"Then, sir, we will give them the bayonet!"

"In the very severe engagement at Chantilly, fought during a heavy thunderstorm, when the voice of the artillery of heaven could scarcely be distinguished from that of the enemy, an aide came up with a message from A. P. Hill that his ammunition was wet and that he asked leave to retire.

"Give my compliments to General Hill, and tell him that the Yankees' ammunition is as wet as his, to stay where he is.' There was always danger and blood when he began his terse sentence with 'Give my compliments.'

"Jackson knew the value of the Southern volunteer better and sooner (as I believe) than any other of our great leaders. On this subject I once heard him say: 'The patriot volunteer fighting for country and his right, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.'

"The first time I was under fire, did not discover to me anything. I told General Jackson frankly what my feelings were and asked him how he felt the first time he experienced it. 'Afraid the fire would not be hot enough for me to distinguish myself,' he promptly replied.

"I have seen General Jackson stop while the army was on the march to help a poor simple woman find her son, when she only knew that this son was in Jackson's command. There is no measuring the intensity with which the very soul of Jackson burned in battle. Out of it he was very gentle. After the battle of second Manassas we were sitting by the fire drinking the coffee out of our tin cups when I said: 'We have won this battle by the hardest kind of fighting.' And he answered me very gently and softly: 'No, no, we have won by the blessing of Almighty God!'

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JAKE YOST ON ALLEN'S CONFIRMATION.

Congressman Yost in talking about the recent confirmation of Mr. Brown Allen as Marshal for the Western district of Virginia, said he was not surprised at the course of the Democratic Senators from this State in failing to antagonize it, as that was politics, but he had thought it possible that as the Democrats had made Allen's record one of their campaign-staples for several years, their Senators might oppose him on that ground. Mr. Yost agrees with Mr. Allen that the confirmation was good for the Democrats.

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Whether hunted by their enemy or drawn hither by the same reverent inspiration that attracts visitors to Mount Vernon from every part of the habitable globe, wearers of the blue and the gray were equally welcome. The only restriction placed upon their coming was the servants' request that they leave their arms at whatever point they entered the grounds, sometimes at the old porter's lodge, three-quarters of a mile away.

At Washington's tomb unarmed pickets of the South and North frequently met during the years of the "great conflict." Sacred, however, as this home of peace is, it is to the women of the United States, and to them alone, that we owe the purchase and preservation of Washington's home, and only their loving care has made possible the past and present restoration of this fine old type of the colonial mansion of a century and a half ago. The high privilege and happiness of visiting this house and grounds, with all their varied and tangible memorials so intimately associated with the life and character of the immortal Washington, the American people owe to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the United States.

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WOOL MADE FROM LIMESTONE.

Wool from limestone is the latest, according to the Chicago Chronicle. C. C. Hall, chemist for the Union Steel Company, at Alexandria, Ind., has just applied for patents upon a process whereby he is enabled to make the softest, whitest wool from the flintiest, roughest limestone.

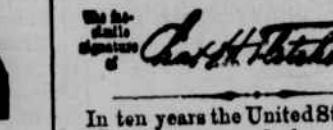
The remarkable character of the invention is better appreciated when it is said that a firm in Boston, one of the best known wool weavers in the country, is making experiments in converting this wool into clothing.

Water has no effect upon this artificial wool, and fire will not harm it. Another point in its favor as a wool for winter clothing lies in the fact that it is one of the best non-conductors known. It is impervious to heat and cold, and for that reason would make most desirable underclothing for Klondikers. It could not be worn in summer, as it would retain all of the heat of the body, and this would be intolerable.

But the greatest point in favor of wool made from rock lies in the claim that it will outwear the sheep product.

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For Infants and Children.



In ten years the United States, which occupied the second place among nations in foreign trade, imports and exports combined, has fallen off to third place, and Germany has passed her in the race for supremacy now held by England.

Parkersburg Journal: John Damm, of Randolph county, who was married at Point Pleasant last week, was congratulated by the old folks, the telegram saying: "Please accept the congratulations of the whole Damm family."

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